MR READER FORUM

An Unpleasant Prospect

Major Joseph F. Trimble's review of George F. Kennan's book, *The Cloud of Danger*, in the November 1977 issue of the *Military Review* has prompted this letter. His comments are far too moderate and generous, and I am astounded by the concluding remark which apparently embraced Kennan's views without offering any supporting evidence. The "realities" first need to be defined but, since they are not, the final observations must be termed gratuitous.

Are you familiar with the organization known as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its objectives? Kennan has been a member for years, and, in keeping with the precepts of the CFR, he has been in the forefront of the continuing efforts to emasculate the means and the will of the United States to resist the USSR—Kennan's 30-year-old "warning" notwithstanding. The steady deterioration of US strength vis-à-vis the Russians has not been accidental or due to so-called "economy" measures. This has happened under both Republican and Democratic administrations, and the reason why this is so is simple—key members of the CFR have occupied prominent positions throughout. If you doubt this, please check the records.

The Russians have not changed their ways and never will as long as the existing power structure maintains its control and the United States continues to provide Russia with strategic and economic aid of substantial proportions of all sorts. At this point, I would like to mention for reference Antony Sutton's two volumes of 1968 and 1971, *Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development* (Hoover Institution), and *National Suicide* (Arlington House, 1973).

They will, indeed, try to bury us. With the help of the likes of George Kennan, this process will most likely be accelerated.

This may not be a pleasant prospect, but it is reality.

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The All-Volunteer Armed Forces

Professor William R. King's article, "The All-Volunteer Armed Forces: Status, Prospects and Alternatives" *(Military Review*, September 1977), is a scholarly and thought-provoking evaluation. However, the article's generalities and inaccuracies regarding the military detract from the meaning and thrust.

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